

2023 CMS MERIT Tips and Tricks Question & Answer Summary

CMS MERIT Functionality

- Can I print a PDF of my submission?
 - Yes. Through the Export feature, newly released this year, you may download, save, and print a PDF file of your submission.
- If I type my responses in Word and paste them into CMS MERIT, will the system retain my text formatting?
 - Yes. CMS MERIT supports text formatting and text with special characters. This new feature makes it easy for submitters to copy and paste text from a Word document into open text fields in CMS MERIT while retaining formatting.
- Is there a limit to the number of documents I can attach to my submission or a file size limit for attachments?
 - There is no page limit to the number of attachments, but the combined size limit for attachments is 25 MB. Attachments are helpful when you want to share tables or graphics or provide documents such as your Measure Information Form (MIF) or risk adjustment model.
- Is there a prompt or alert to inform you to save if you move to the next section without saving?
 - CMS MERIT does not periodically remind you to save. CMS MERIT does notify you if you select “Save and Continue” and required fields are incomplete.
- In the numeric fields, can you add more than one number?
 - You can only enter one numeric value in each numeric field.

CMS MERIT Features

- Are measures that exist in one program but are being added to a different program for the first time still categorized as a new measure? If so, would you add the CMS Measures Inventory Tool (CMIT) ID?
 - Measures not previously submitted to CMS MERIT require a new submission. During measure submission, there are some questions in MERIT that ask about measure background, including if it is in use in other CMS programs.
 - A CMIT ID describes the program-specific version of a measure. It is a unique identifier made up of four parts: Measure ID, Measure Variation ID, Format, and Program Suffix. Because the measure is being entered for a different program, the CMIT ID will include the same Measure ID but a unique Program Suffix, making it unique to each program-specific version. Learn more about CMIT [here](#).
- Is this website (CMS MERIT) only for Medicare programs?

- CMS MERIT is the tool used for measure submissions by measure developers/stewards for consideration in Medicare programs. A list of the Medicare programs that use CMS MERIT can be found in the [2023 Measures Under Consideration List Program-Specific Measure Needs and Priorities](#).

MERIT Submission Period

- What is the deadline for measure submission to CMS MERIT?
 - CMS MERIT will close for measure submissions at **8 p.m. (ET) Friday, May 19.**